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SUBJECT: ALASKA HIGHWAY GAS PIPELINE: MEDIA REACTION TO
PIPE-SIZE RECOMMENDATION

1. VANCOUVER SUN LEAD EDITORIAL OF FEBRUARY 22 QUESTIONS
WHETHER ANYONE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SURPRISED BY THE GOC
DECISION TO SPECIFY A TYPE OF STEEL FOR THE GAS PIPELINE
THAT CANADIAN STEEL COMPANIES CAN PRODUCE. "THE
GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE HAD TO BE OUT OF ITS COTTONPICKING
POLITICAL MIND TO DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT IT DID."
EDITORIAL STATES MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION CONCERNS GOC
REFUSAL TO GUARANTEE THAT ONLY CANADIAN STEEL WILL BE USED.

2. SUN THEN PROCEEDS TO MAKE STRONG CASE AGAINST SUCH A
GUARANTEE: IT WOULD PUT PIPELINE BUILDERS AT THE "MERCY"
OF STEELCO AND IPSCO, PUT THE STEEL COMPANIES AT THE
"MERCY " OF STEELWORKERS WHO WOULD "WANT TO GRAB THEIR
SHARE OF THE MONOPOLY PROFITS," AND REMOVE CANADA'S
"CONSIDERABLE LEVERAGE" IN RESISTING AND "AMERICAN-ONLY
GUARANTEE U.S. STEEL PRODUCERS ARE ALMOST CERTAIN TO
DEMAND" ON THE U.S. SECTIONS OF THE PIPELINE.

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3. EDITORIAL URGES THE CANADIAN STEEL INDUSTRY TO
SEIZE THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE GOC
PIPE-SIZE DECISION, GAIN THE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIES
OF SCALE, EXPERIENCE AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE WHICH WILL
ACCRUE FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PIPELINE PROJECT, AND
THEN BE IN POSITION EVENTUALLY TO PENETRATE WORLD MARKETS

"AS THE JAPANESE HAVE DONE." "WHAT IS NEEDED NOW --
AND IT IS NOT TOO EARLY -- IS A CONCERTED EFFORT TO
IDENTIFY POTENTIAL FOREIGN MARKETS AND LOBBY FOR
SPECIFICATIONS WE CAN MEET SO THAT THE OPPORTUNITIES
ARE NOT LOST. THE PROJECT CAN BE OUR PIPELINE INTO
WORLD STEEL MARKETS."

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